

TORNADO



A tornado is violent storms with spiraling high-speed winds. Tornadoes are usually accompanied by hail, severe thunderstorms and wind. The noise of a tornado has been described as a roaring sound – like a train far away.

When A Tornado Threatens, Immediate Action Can Save Your Life!

- Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. Protect your head.
- In homes and small buildings, go to the basement or to an interior part of the lowest level – take shelter in closets, bathrooms or interior halls. Get under something sturdy or lie in the bathtub and cover yourself with a blanket.
- In schools, nursing homes, hospitals, factories, shopping centers and malls, go to pre-designated shelter areas. Interior hallways on the lowest levels are best.
- In high-rise buildings, go to interior, small rooms or hallways on the lowest floor possible with no windows. If you can see outside, you are not safe.
- In vehicles or mobile homes, vacate and go to a substantial structure. If there is no shelter nearby, lie flat in the nearest ditch, ravine or culvert with your hands shielding your head and neck.
- **A Tornado Watch** means there is a possibility of one or more tornadoes in your area. Continue normal activity but monitor weather conditions closely.
- **A Tornado Warning** means a tornado has been sighted and may be approaching – **seek shelter immediately!**